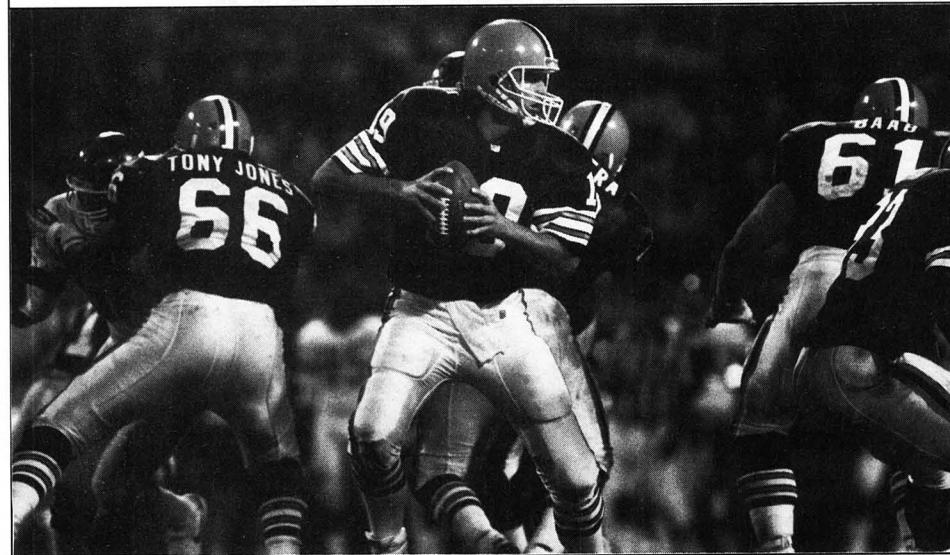
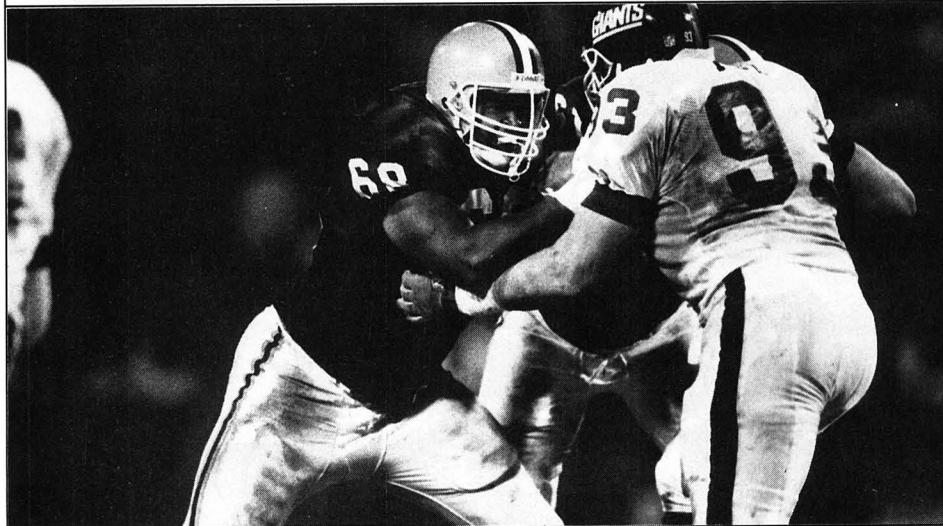


## BROWNS ACTION



Bernie Kosar completed 13 of 22 passes for 107 yards and one touchdown vs. the New York Giants. To date, Kosar has not had an interception.



Right guard Ed King (Auburn), the Browns' second round draft pick in the 1991 NFL Selection Meeting, stops the New York Giants' defensive end Mike Fox at the line of scrimmage.



Kevin Mack rushed 20 times for 71 yards and caught four passes for 22 yards and a touchdown vs. the New York Giants. Mack was voted Browns' player of the game by a local media panel for his efforts.

TIME OUT

## Tie-Breaking Procedures

The NFL uses the following procedures to break standing ties for postseason playoffs (and determine regular-season schedules).

### To Break a Tie Within a Division

If, at the end of the regular season, two or more clubs in the same division finish with identical won-lost-tied percentages, the following steps will be taken until a champion is determined.

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost-tied percentages in games between the clubs).
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the division.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games (if applicable).
5. Best net points in division games.
6. Best net points in all games.
7. Strength of schedule.
8. Best net touchdowns in all games.
9. Coin toss.

### To Break a Tie for the Wild Card Team

If it is necessary to break ties to determine the two wild-card clubs from each conference, the following steps will be taken.

1. If the tied clubs are from the same division, apply division tie-breaker.
2. If the tied clubs are from different divisions, apply the following steps:

### Two Clubs

1. Head to head, if applicable.
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
4. Best average net points in conference games.
5. Best net points in all games.
6. Strength of schedule.
7. Best net touchdowns in all games.
8. Coin toss.

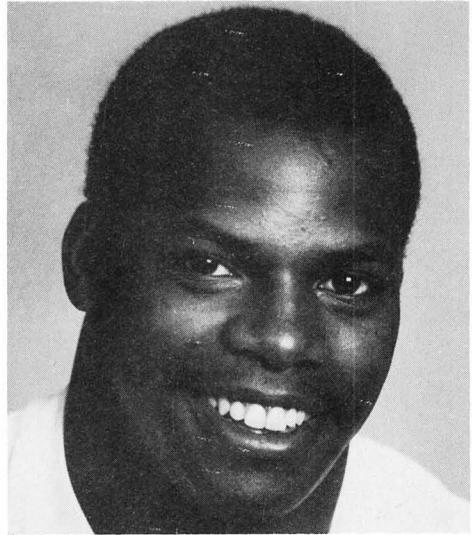
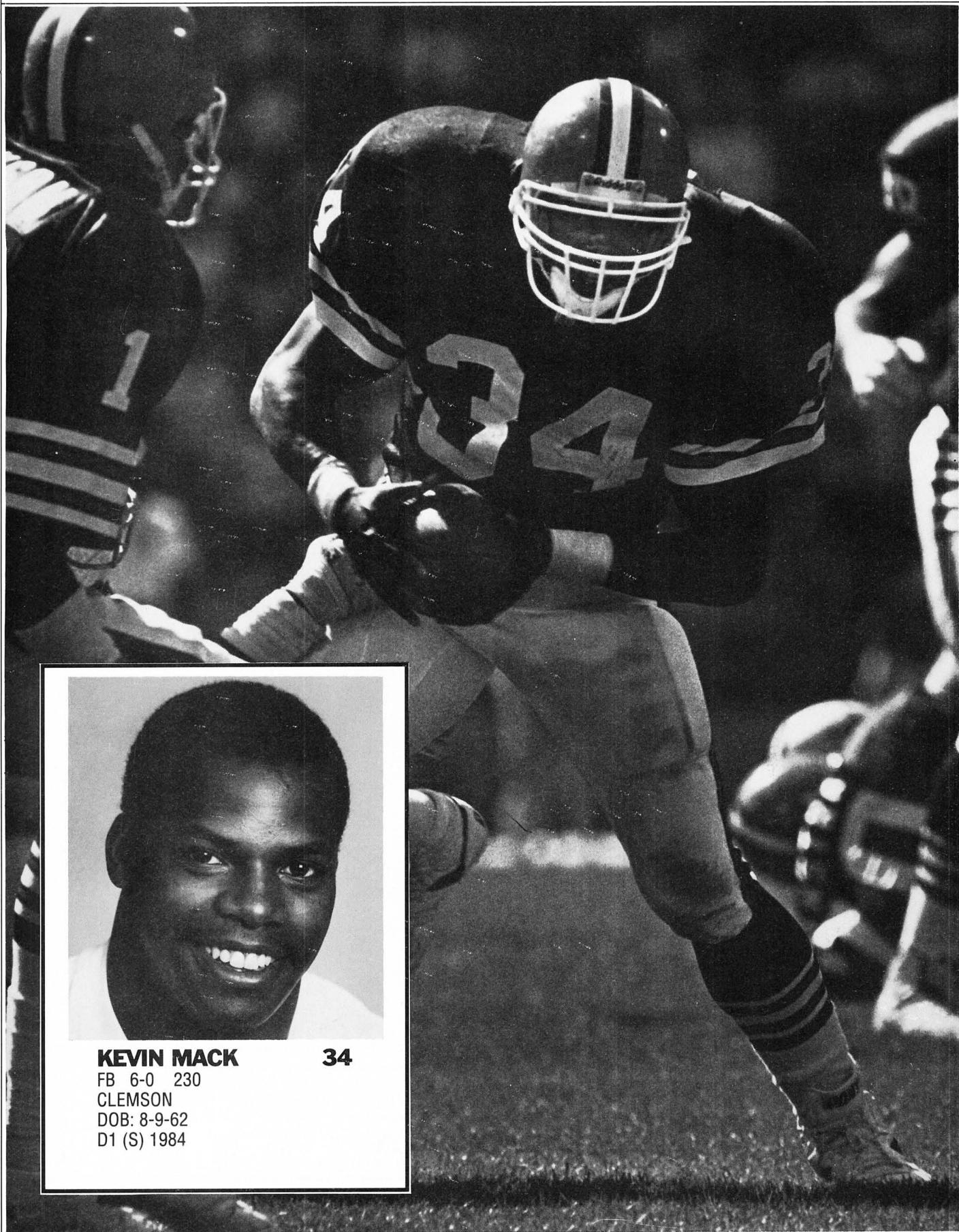
### Three or More Clubs

(Note: If two clubs remain tied after other clubs have been eliminated, tie-breaker reverts to step 1 of applicable two-club format.)

1. Head-to-head sweep. (Applicable only if one club has defeated each of the others, or if one club has lost to each of the others.)
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
4. Best average net points in conference games.
5. Best net points in all games.
6. Strength of schedule.
7. Best net touchdowns in all games.
8. Coin toss.

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## PLAYER OF THE GAME



**KEVIN MACK**

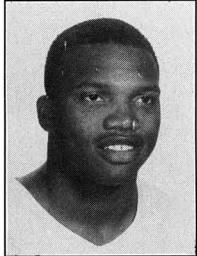
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## Eric Metcalf 21 – Running Back



5'-10", 185 lbs., 3rd Year

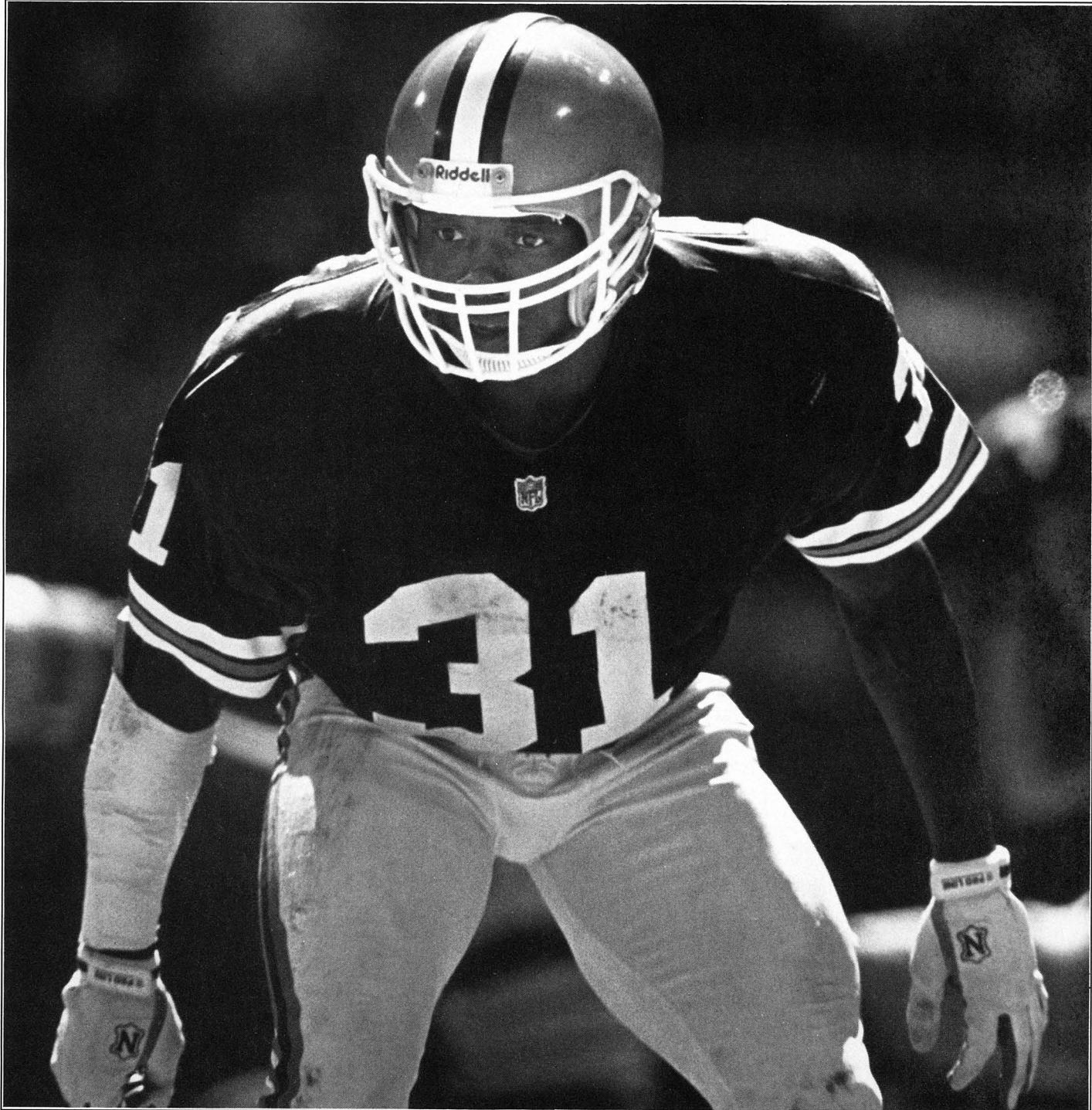
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Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell  
(Arlington, Va.) H.S.

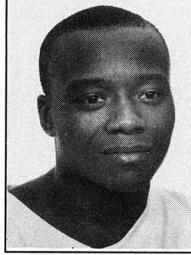
Born: January 23, 1968  
Seattle, Wash.

Draft 1, 1989

**PRO:** Lightning-quick scatback who has gained 3,500 combined yards and 14 TDs in his first two seasons... Snapped Browns' combined net yards average gain season mark in '90 with a 9.27 clip (topping Bobby Mitchell's 9.25 avg., set in 1961)... Scored four times last year, including twice on kickoff returns... Finished second on Browns' all-time rookie TD list with 10 in 1989 (tied with Kevin Mack, '85, and Jim Brown, '57, one behind Dub Jones' 11 in '50)... Totaled 1,752 combined yards in 1990, and 1,748 combined yards as a rookie (ninth and 10th best in club history).



## Frank Minnifield    31 – Cornerback



5'-9", 180 lbs., 8th Year

Louisville

Henry Clay (Lexington, Ky.) H.S.

Born: January 1, 1960

Lexington, Ky.

Free Agent, 1984

**PRO:** Three-time Pro Bowler who is among top cornerbacks in the game... Aggressive, hard-worker who was hampered with a nagging heel injury on top of a holdout in 1990... "Minni" won consensus All-Pro honors and was a Pro Bowl starter from 1987-89, and was named as a backup on Pro Bowl team following 1986 season... Only Jerry Gray (Rams) matched his three-year Pro Bowl starting CB streak during that time frame... Has been mainstay at left corner for Browns since game four of 1984 season... Entering his 10th year of pro ball and eighth in the NFL.

## BROWNS ACTION

### 92 MICHAEL DEAN PERRY Defensive Tackle

6'-1", 285 lbs., 4th Year  
Clemson  
South Aiken (S.C.) H.S.  
Born: August 27, 1965  
Aiken, S.C.  
Draft 2, 1988

**GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED:** (1988, 16/2);  
(1989, 16/16); (1990, 16/16) Total 48/34

**PRO:** One of the most dominant defensive linemen in the game at age 25, the slippery Michael Dean was named as a Pro Bowl starter for the second straight season... Against the Giants, Perry was the leading tackler, with 9 solo and 1 assist, two sacks and two forced fumbles.



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## BROWNS ACTION

### 3 MATT STOVER Kicker

5'-11", 178 lbs., 1st Year  
Louisiana Tech  
Lake Highlands (Dallas, Tx.) H.S.  
Born: January 27, 1968  
Free Agent  
(Unprotected: Giants), 1991

GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 0/0

**PRO:** Signed as an unprotected free agent by the Browns last March 15... Originally selected by the Giants in the 12th round of the 1990 draft... Played in three of four 1990 preseason games for the Giants... Was four for six on FGAs in preseason and five for five on PATs (including two vs. Browns) for 17 points... LG FG was 49 yards vs. Buffalo... Placed on injured reserve with a quadricep pull on 9/4/90... Signed by the Browns as an unprotected free agent on 3/15/91. Stover was player of the game vs. Cincinnati when he made four field goals. The Browns won 14-13. (see page 59 for details).



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**THE SERIES...** The Browns lead the regular series with the Jets, 8-5, and hold a 1-0 advantage as the result of their unforgettable 1986 playoff game when the Browns took a thrilling 23-20 decision in double overtime at Cleveland Stadium. The last time the two teams met was on September 16 last season at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. After Eric Metcalf returned the opening kickoff 98-yards for a TD, the Jets came back to take a 24-7 halftime lead. The Browns rallied with two second half TD's, but fell on the short end of a 24-21 score. The Browns won the first six games in the series, beginning with the first ABC-TV Monday Night Game of the Week in Cleveland on September 21, 1970 (31-21 Cleveland win). Aside from the 1986 playoff thriller, there were two other overtime contests between the two teams in 1978 and 1979. A 21-



■ Bill Belichick

yard Don Cockroft field goal after 3:07 ticked away in the overtime gave the Browns a 37-34 decision in Cleveland on December 10, 1978. In the opening game of the 1979 season in N.Y. (September 3), Cockroft booted a 35-yarder with four seconds left in regulation play and a 27-yarder with 15 seconds remaining in the overtime for a 25-22 win. The last time the two teams met in Cleveland was September 17, 1989 when 73,516 fans saw QB Bernie Kosar throw three TD passes (15 for 30, 196 yards) in a 38-24 triumph. Point average for the two teams in this series is (including playoff game): Browns 312 pts. 22.3 avg., Jets 291 pts. - 20.8 avg.

**BILL SAYS...** "We've done some good things in the first four games, but our inconsistency has slowed us down. At times, we run the ball well, so we know we can do it, but then we get a breakdown from one or two players and we don't move the ball the next play. The same can be said about stopping the run and any number of other parts of our game. We are making progress, though. We also have to improve our third-

down efficiency, both in converting them and stopping the other team. We're getting good play and leadership from our veterans and we're playing some young players who are trying to grow up fast. I like our aggressiveness and that's been a factor in getting the turnovers. Basically our goal is to remove the inconsistencies, not be so up and down... I thought we had a productive week during the bye. We kept a regular schedule and worked on the things we need to improve. We worked on running the ball better; stopping the run and we emphasized getting better field position with our special teams."

**ON THE JETS...** "The one thing that impresses you right away when you look at the Jets is how hard they are playing on every down. They've had some tough, tough losses against the Bills and at Chicago in overtime and those are two of the best teams in the league. They have a number of big play players on offense with receivers like (Al) Toon and (Rob) Moore and a back like Blair Thomas. (Ken) O'Brien is a veteran quarterback who has seen it all and that's a good offensive line in front of him. They really attack on defense and you see that with every game you look at. They are as aggressive as any team we've played so far and the fact that they held Buffalo to 23 points and Chicago to 19 in five quarters indicates they're playing very good team defense."

**NUMBER ONE...** Bernie Kosar is the league's only starting quarterback without an interception so far this season. The 27-year-old, seven-year veteran owns the NFL's all-time lowest interception ratio, 2.50. The 49ers' Joe Montana is second at 2.68. Kosar has not thrown an interception since last Dec. 16 against Atlanta when CB Deion Sanders stole one. That's a string of 138 throws without a theft (Kosar missed the final two games of 1990 with a broken thumb he suffered in first quarter of the Falcon game).

**BROWNS' INSIDER...** can be seen every Wednesday evening (7:30 p.m.) and again Sunday mornings (10:30 a.m.) on WOIO-TV (FOX-19). Hosted by Jim Mueller, BROWNS' INSIDER is an Emmy award winning program in its third year. Mueller also hosts THE BILL BELICHICK SHOW that's shown Saturday evenings (7:00 p.m.) and again Sunday mornings (10 a.m.) on WOIO-TV (FOX-19).



■ Today's game will be televised by NBC-TV (Channel 3 locally since the game is a sellout) with Marv Albert (left) calling the play-by-play and Paul Maguire handling the color analysis.



■ Bernie Kosar

**RADIO/TV...** Sunday's game will be televised by NBC-TV with Marv Albert handling the play-by-play duties. Working with Albert as color analyst will be Paul Maguire, who returns to the microphone for the first time since doing a Browns/Buccaneers game on Aug. 5. (Producer: David Michaels; Director Andy Rosenberg).

The game can be heard on WHK-AM (1420) and WMMS-FM (100.7), flagship stations for the largest radio network (50 stations) in Browns' history. Pre-game festivities, hosted by Jim Mueller (in his 17th year on the Browns' radio team), and Dan Coughlin, begin at 9:00 a.m. on WHK. WMMS comes on with its "Tailgate Party" live from Champions at 11:00 a.m. THE BILL BELICHICK SHOW, hosted by Nev Chandler, a seven-year veteran of Browns' broadcasting, will follow. Chandler handles the play-by-play, while Doug Dieken, also in his seventh year on Browns' radio, does the color commentary. Mueller hosts a pre-game and halftime show and joins Dieken as co-host of the post-game show from the lockerroom. The "Fifth Quarter," a 2 1/2 hour post-game show from Champions, features former Brown Al "Bubba" Baker, Casey Coleman and Dan Coughlin as co-hosts. WMMS will carry a post-game "Tailgate Party" from Champions. ■

